



Sunday Evening Worship Service
June 9, 2024

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City Reformed Presbyterian Church
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Presider: Elder Luke Kephart

Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-9

Please stand for the Call to Worship if you are able.

Leader Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

People **Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.**

Leader For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

People **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!**

Leader Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

People **Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!**

Prayer of Invocation

All Creatures of Our God and King

(Words: St. Francis of Assisi 1225; Music: Lasst Uns Erfreun 16-1900s)

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest us both warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye souls of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God, and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Beauty Of The Heart Of Christ

(Words & Music: Mitch Wong, Timothy Timmons, and Travis Ryan 2023)

May my life carry the heart of Christ
Lord, in all I say and all that I do
Selfless love, lowly in sacrifice
Laying down my pride, nothing to prove

*Now that I have seen, now that I have tasted
Of Your mercy and Your love divine
May my life be full, full of one thing only
Just the beauty of the heart of Christ
Just the beauty of the heart of Christ*

For the least of these, even my enemies
Who am I to dare, dare to with hold
What I've received forgiveness and grace so free
Let Your fire in me never grow cold

Oh, what a privilege
Oh, what an honor it is
No greater joy than this
To carry Your heart, carry Your heart

Call to Confession: John 3:19

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, your holiness is the purity of light. You call us to know the truth and practice the truth. But we confess that we have failed. We have walked in darkness. We cannot say that we have not sinned, or we would be lying. We have sinned in our thoughts, in our words and our deeds. We have not loved you with all of our hearts and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We look to the blood of Jesus to cleanse us from our sin. Teach us to walk in your light. Teach us to be faithful and just as you are faithful and just. Help us to find true fellowship with one another. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 1:13–14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207)

Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted

(Words: Joseph Swain 1785; Music: Kevin Twit 2013)

Come ye souls by sin afflicted
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down
By the broken law convicted
Through the cross behold the crown
Look to Jesus (3x)
Mercy flows through Him alone

Take His easy yoke and wear it;
Love will make your obedience sweet
Christ will give you strength to bear it
While His grace shall guide your feet
Safe to glory (3x)
Where His ransomed captives meet

Blessèd are the eyes that see Him
Blest the ears that hear His voice
Blessèd are the souls that trust Him
And in Him alone rejoice
His commandments (3x)
Then become their happy choice

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary
Light to newly opened eyes
Like full springs in deserts dreary
Is the rest the cross supplies
All who taste it (3x)
Shall to rest immortal rise

Look to Jesus (3x)
Mercy flows through Him alone

Scripture & Homily: 1 John 1:5-10

"Light and Darkness"

- Reverend Gavin Breeden

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

John 1:5 / The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 8:12 / Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Romans 3:23 / ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 13:12 / The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Ephesians 5:8 / ...for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light...

1 Peter 2:9 / But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Song of Thanksgiving

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

(Words & Music: Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson 2015)

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

*And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore*

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore

Benediction